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THE FELLOWSHIP FOUR AND JACKIE will present a program of gospel music at Reedy Spring Baptist Church on April 8th at 7:30 p.m.

The public is cordially invited to attend this program of gospel music.

Virginia Fibre Reports Weekly Wood Purchases

Listed below is the total dollar volume of wood purchased by Virginia Fibre Corporation of Riverville for the week ending March 27, 1978. Purchases are listed by counties.

Albermarle	3,394.82
Amelia	1,567.07
Amherst	8,471.08
Appomattox	9,391.87
Augusta	
Bedford County	1,273.23
Botetourt	93.23
Buckingham	10,659.40
Prince William	890.76
Campbell	5,784.00
Caroline	34.65
Charlotte	3,239.11
Cumberland	1,418.86
	340.55
Goochland	663.94
Halifax	3,392.33
Nelson	9,705.21
Louisa	326.27
New Kent	
Pittsylvania	548.35
Powhatan	1,011.02
Prince Edward	4,651.88
Total	66,857.63

We feel this information will be of interest to the readers in Appomattox County and in adjoining counties.

TOPS News

The March 30 meeting of TOPS was called to order by it's leader Gaye Stafford. The pledge was recited by the members.

On April 6 the new officers will take office. Susan Martin, leader has requested that as many as possible members be present. The by-laws will be the subject of interest at that meeting. The by-laws will be read and discussed and changed if necessary. A majority of the members are needed in attendance to vote on the changes that will be necessary to bring the rules and by-laws up-to-date. If it is at all possible come to the meeting.

Gaye Stafford gave her final program as leader. The topic was "Tips to help you get in shape." Gaye was a fine leader in the past. As they say, "Good things come to an end" and we appreciate the help and guidance we have had since Gaye has been our leader.

The next meeting of TOPS will be held on Thursday April 6. Weigh in 6:30. Meeting 7:00. Fidelity Branch Bank.

Lois Smith, Reporter

The Pastor Speaks

When looking at the history of the Church, one is often tempted to see parallels with modern times. The problem of training the next generation of Christians has been a headache right from the Book of Acts and the Day of Pentecost. When I speak to other pastors, I find that one of the lay jobs they almost always have trouble filing is that of counselor for the teenage youth program. It is difficult to find adults who are willing to commit themselves to this vital task. Yet the same adults who are not willing to help teenagers develop their faith will often criticise young people. They will ask, "Why aren't kids as polite as they were when I was a kid? We never got into trouble." Of couse, I sometimes hasten to remind the adults that we were not always angels, either.

The Church has experienced this sort of educational difficulty often. The only answer is a greater commitment on the part of the adult members. Adult Christians who bring their children to worship service as well as Sunday school, will find that the children grow up with a balanced view of the faith. Perhaps the children will go through a period of apathy or doubt in the late teens or early young adult years, but in most cases people who have as children received a thorough exposure to a healthy church life will eventually adopt a faith similar to that of their parents. Maybe that is the key right there - they will have a faith similar to that of their parents. If the parents' faith is not strong, the children will realize that, no matter how many bedtime prayers Mama demands, no matter how often Daddy curses people who curse, no matter how often the parents use the words of faith. Children can't long be fooled; sometimes they know their parents better than the parents know themselves.

Rev. James Becker, Pastor
The Appomattox United Methodist Circuit
Bethel-Mt. Comfort-Trinity

Marcus C. Elean, Jr.

Appomattox County Historical Society To Meet April 10

The annual business meeting of the Appomattox County Historical Society will be held on Monday, April 10, 7:30 p.m. at the Appomattox County High School cafeteria.

All members and guests are invited to attend. Mr. Marcus C. Elean, Jr., manager of Communication Programs, General Electric Company in Lynchburg will be the guest speaker. Mr. Elean, a native of Buckingham County, edited the Iron Worker, a distinguished publication of the Lynchburg Foundry Company, from 1953 to 1964. During those years, he supervised the writing and editing of at least one major historical article in each issue of the publication. He has a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism from Pennsylvania State University and a Master of Arts in Public Relations from Boston University. Mr. Elean will discuss historical writing and editing during the program part of the business meeting.

Following Mr. Elean's presentation, the nominating committee will submit a slate of nominations for the election of four new directors for a three-year term.

Scout Show Tickets For Sale

The Blue Ridge Mountains Council will conduct a scout show in five locations throughout the southwest Virginia on May 6, 1978. The Central-Seminole District's division will be held at Wake Field House, Lynchburg College from 11:00 a m to 4:00 p m. The theme of the show is "Wonderful World of Scouting". Cub packs, scout troops, and explorer posts will have booths displaying certain aspects of the scouting program. The community is encouraged to attend the show and see our local scouting program in action. Admission tickets are $1.00, 2 tickets constitute a family ticket. Proceeds from the ticket sales will be used to support local units and the Blue Ridge Mountains Council. Cub Scouts, scoputs, and explorers will begin selling tickets the week of April 1.

GRADUATES FROM THE U.S. AIR FORCE SENIOR NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER ACADEMY

MONTGOMERY, Ala. Master Sergeant Maron E. Caviness, son of Mrs. Mattie L. Caviness of 103 Rainbrow Forrest Drive, Lynchburg, has graduated from the U. S. Air Force Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy at Gunter Air Force Station, Ala.

During the nine-week course, the sergeant studied advanced management techniques, communicative skills and behavioral science. The academy is the Air Force's highest professional military school for noncommissioned officers.

Sergeant Caviness has returned to Charleston AFB, S.C., where he is a structural superintendent with a unit of the Military Airlift Command.

The sergeant attended E. C. Glass High School and the University of Southern Illinois's extension at Charleston. His wife, Carolyn, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Wooldridge of Rt. 1, Concord, Va.

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APPOMATTOX FFA WINS CONTEST

Scott Elliott (L) and R. L. Cordell, members of the ACHS FFA Chapter, won the Hub Federation Tractor Operator's Contest held recently at Appomattox. Scott was the winner in the Ninth Grade Division and R. L. won the Senior Division. R. L. will represent the Hub Federation at the Southside Area Contest to be held on April 17.

Anniversary of Willing Workers Observed at Promise Land Sunday Evening

The anniversary celebration of the Willing Workers Club of the Promise Land Baptist Church was held last Sunday evening at 3 p. m. The Rev. James Franklin and his senior choir and many of his members of the Baptist Union Church of Buckingham County were the special guest. The following program was carried out in a very effective manner with Mrs. Eloise Robinson serving as mistress of ceremony: A call to order by the mistress of ceremony; opening hymn, guest choir; scripture, Mrs. Margaret Forest; prayer, Mrs. Annie Harvey; selection, guest choir; welcome address, Mrs. Patricia Thornton; response, Mrs. Adlean Harvey; selection, guest choir; greetings from local church clubs; selection, guest choir; introduction of speaker, Rev. R. Q. Lawing; sermon, Rev. James Franklin; selection, guest choir; offering; Mesdames Marjorie Harvey, Thelma Hancock, and Pauline Hancock, who gave the offertory prayer; announcements and remarks; the Rev. R. Q. Lawing, Jr. pastor of Third Liberty Baptist Church in Buckingham gave greetings and special remarks. The pastor of the church gave the final remarks. The closing selection was given by the guest choir and the benediction was given by the guest minister. The entire program was enjoyed by every one present.

Impressive service was held at the Galilee Baptist Church Sunday morning. The pastor delivered a very helpful and challenging sermon. The church choirs rendered beautiful music. During the offering period the following leaders reported the following amounts given by members in the spring rally: Mrs. Delores Bagby, $100.00; Mr. George Stevens, $90.50; Mrs. Bernice Lawing, $57.00 and Mrs. Ann Gafford Moore, $40.00. The pastor gave thanks to each leader and all the members and friends who made donation.

Local churches are asked to support the local Red Cross drive launched in the county. We are asking that the local leaders who solicted funds in 1976 drive will work in the 1978 drive. Please read the appeal in this week's issue. Let us all do the best that we can, please work in the name of your church and send your report in to Rev. Lawing Monday after the fourth Sunday in this month.

The general public is cordially invited to attend the anniversary of the Galilee Church Junior Choir on the third Sunday evening in this month at 3 p.m. Several local junior choirs have been invited to take a part in the program.

A large crowd attended the regular preaching service at the Zion Baptist Church last Sunday morning at 11 a.m. with the pastor Rev. L. E. Hankins in charge. Special music was rendered by the senior choir under the direction of Mr. Howard Allen. The Men's Chorus under the direction of Mr. Dwight Walker gave a few selections. The sermon by Rev. Hankins was enjoyed by all present. The offering for the day was very good.

The Ladies Aid of the Zion Baptish will meet at the church this Sunday at 2 p.m. The Zion Baptist Church Choir will sponsor a choir festival on the second Sunday in this month at 4 p.m. The general public is cordially to attend.

We are praying for the sick in our community and through out the world.

Recent visitors to Historic Appomattox, Virginia and with the Stevens family were: Mr. and Mrs. George Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Chas Stokes all of Baltimore, Md. and Mrs. Flossie Fowlkes of Farmville. While on their visit, they were entertained with dinner at Maudes Restaurant.

Mrs. Lillie Stevens has returned from an extensive trip North of the border to attend the wedding of her neice, Miss Anita Claytor of Newark, N. J. to Mr. Donald Lockett of Washington, D. C. They all made a visit and were entertained with an Easter dinner by Mr. and Mrs. Chas Sykes of Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Jones of Petersburg spent the week end here as the guest of his uncle and aunt and family, Rev. and Mrs. Lawing.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Bigger of York, Pa., spent the Easter holiday here as the guest of her mother, Mrs. Maggie Tibbs who is sick and her sisters and their families Mrs. Virginia Ferguson and Mrs. Eva Allen.

Members and friends are asked to attend the regular meeting of the NAACP this Monday evening, April 10 at the Chestnut Grove Baptist Church at 7:30.

The Appomattox Assembly will hold its regular meeting on Wednesday evening April 12 at 7:30 at the Galilee Church Fellowship Hall.

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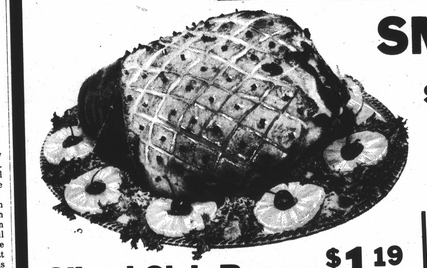

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